



President's Message

Dear Members,

It's been another quarter since I last wrote, and I see glimmers of hope.

President Trump has just nominated Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court! Another great reason to Vote for Trump!

And the WashCoGOP Reagan dinner was a refreshing oasis where positive, uplifting speeches were given by Republican leaders.

- Sen Kim Thatcher is the longest serving member of the audit committee. As the Secretary of State, Kim will inject accountability into state government. Sen Thatcher talked about the need to ensure that displaced/evacuated voters (due to the wildfires) have the opportunity to vote. From her talk, it is clear that Kim will manage in a compassionate, nonpartisan way, making sure all voices are heard.
- Jeff Gudman is the *only* treasurer running for State Treasurer. Listening to him speak you know he is an authentic, principled man running on his core strengths: competence, integrity, and vision.
- Greg Walden has given 22 years of his life in service to Oregon. Greg leaves a huge legacy that includes historic rollbacks of burdensome federal rules and regulations for rural and small businesses, and the most significant reform to forest policy in over 15 years. Greg's humility was on display as he spent his entire time acknowledging others

who are making a difference: Gary Wilhelms, Fred Girod, Christine Drazan, to name a few.

Of course, we will continue to have flurries of nasty political dramas from the Democrats. The negative hype and propaganda are wearisome amidst Covid-19 and wildfires.

But I look to South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem who was an inspiration at the dinner. When COVID hit, she brought in her General Council to prepare their plan. They knew they could not stop the virus so focused on hospitals and care. South Dakota never closed a single business. They never issued a shelter in place. They never mandated masks. Gov Noem stated that leadership has consequences. "When a leader oversteps, we lose our country" "Hear the fear' is not where you want your leader to be." Her advice to women was to say 'yes' and step up.

Cheerfully yours,
Melissa

BHRW News

★ BHRW's July Membership Meeting



BHRW met in person on **July 16** in member Kathy Montgomery's spacious, beautiful backyard. Twenty-four attendees celebrated 100 Years of Women's Voices with speaker Cecelia Otto's



entertaining and informative rendition of "[History of Women's Suffrage in Song, Stories & Fun Facts](#)." Nicole Chaisson, Hood River, developer of the Facebook page: "[My party was changed Oregon](#)", described the need for and exponential growth of the page. A Trump campaign entity has contacted Nicole and is seeking Secretary of State documents regarding the explained change of voter registrations. Oregon's Motor-Voter law appears suspect. Member Diane Gruber distributed a survey to help direct the efforts of the BHRW Education Committee. President Melissa Laird described the OFRW-sponsored competition "Klubs for Kim (Thatcher)". Member Dawn Phillips oversees part of [Thatcher's campaign](#). Reedville Cafe catered the lunch.

☆ BHRW's August Garage Sale



Our annual garage sale, held on [Aug 20-22](#), was a big success raising over \$2,800 for our club. This is great news

since the sale is our major fund raiser for the year.

This would not have been possible without the work of so many of our club members and also for the positive thoughts from those who could not work but were with us in spirit. It truly takes many hands to make the garage sale a success.

Your Ways and Means committee have so many people to thank:

First, we all need to give a big thank you to Sue Zike for opening up her garage and yard so we could have the sale. She also spent hours before the sale, borrowing tables, setting tables up, unpacking and displaying items, and during the sale, washing items that got wet from the

rain. She later spent hours cleaning up and arranging for left over items to go to charities.

A big thank you to those who donated items to sell which were much appreciated since there would be no sale without the donations. We had 21 of our members who brought items and 7 of those also brought snacks and drinks to help keep us going.

Workers! What can we say? Without the dedication of 15 of our members who signed up to help set up and/or to sell, we would not have been able to be as successful as we were. Some came one day and then offered to come more! An amazing group of women!



Gail, Sue, Diane, Gloria



Kathy, Gail, Elaine and Melissa



Gayla Hyer (left)

Another big thank you to Gayla Hyer for making Patriotic masks for us to wear and for Juanita who provided us with masks for customers who showed up without one. We had a COVID station set up with hand sanitizer and signs that said, "Masks Required". We only had one person who left that didn't want to wear a mask. We had many thank-yous for the mask requirement and having the sanitizer available.

The garage sale not only benefits our club financially but is a great way to better know some of our members, especially the newer ones and be able to share with like-minded women!

Again, thank you to all BHRW women!

Your Ways and Means Committee (Kathy M., Gail, & Sue Z.)

☆ BHRW's Membership Social

Summer Outdoor Membership Social was on **August 27**. This was our annual event to invite new women into BHRW. The evening went marvelously. Twenty-seven folks in all attended including 14 guests. Everyone spoke freely, many commenting on how nice it was to be able to do so. Many guests said, "So glad you're here". Peggy Stevens, candidate for HD26, spoke and said things folks agreed with. Member Laurel was a well-prepared and gracious host. Set-up, food, and wine were perfect. A very pleasant, successful evening.



Sue Zike, previous BHRW president, describes BHRW to guests.



Peggy Stevens, candidate HD26,



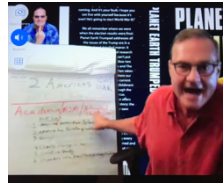
Welcome, President Trump!
Laurel with guest, now member



Diane cries "You have to win!"

☆ BHRW's Annual Candidates Evening

BHRW held its annual Candidates Event virtually this year on **September 17** with 28 attendees. We heard from six exciting candidates: Joe Rae Perkins, US Senate; Harmony Mulkey SD14; Peggy Stevens, HD26; Sandra Nelson, HD27; Dale Fishback, HD29; and Jeff Hindley, Washington County Commissioner District 1. *Please see photos on last page.* You can find contact information for these and other candidates on the [Call to Action tab](#) of our website.



Our speaker for the evening was Barry Dennis, speaker, author and musician. He spoke on How to Save America and how half lies of academia, the press and Hollywood are splitting our country in two. His latest book is [Planet Earth Trumped: A True Fable](#).

☆ WCRP's Reagan Dinner

The Washington County Republican Party's Reagan Dinner was held on September 26 and



was well attended by several BHRW members. It was an inspirational evening with several local candidates speaking and South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem was the keynote.



Linda Neace with BHRW Mbrs



Gail, Elaine and Peggy Stevens

Member Spotlight



Diane L. Gruber, joined BHRW in 2019 and is now on our Education Committee members. She is a recently retired attorney.

Diane was born and raised in the Central Washington town of East Wenatchee, where her family home was on the banks of the Columbia River. She went to high school with another BHRW member, Gayla Hyer, who recruited her to join BHRW.

Following high school graduation Diane moved to Portland, but she didn't stay long. Her fiancé, Michael, enlisted in the Air Force and soon found

himself in Biloxi, Mississippi where he trained to be an air traffic controller. Diane drove to Biloxi to join him, and they were married in Minneapolis several months later.

Michael was stationed at Minot Air Force Base in Minot, North Dakota where Diane finished her college education at Minot State University. After three years in Minot, Michael was sent to Taiwan. When he was discharged they stayed for two years to teach college English before returning to Oregon.

After working as an insurance broker for seven years, Diane enrolled in Lewis & Clark Law School. She practiced law in the Tri-County area for 34 years before retiring this January. Diane wanted to devote 2020 to getting President Trump re-elected.

As an attorney, Diane had to hide her conservative ideas because the Oregon State Bar is owned by the Hard Left. The evening of January 26, 2017 changed all that. She attended an event with local women attorneys who spent the evening spewing hatred at the Americans who put Trump in office, calling them evil, lowly, uneducated creatures. Diane came out of the Conservative Closet the next day, locked the door and never went back.

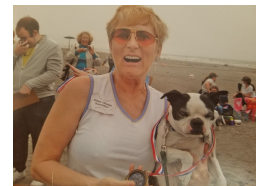
Shortly after that event Diane contacted the Clackamas County GOP and became a PCP. She was a bonus delegate to the 2019 Oregon Republican Convention and gave a speech at the OFRW's convention in October 2019. Her topic: "The Rule Of Law Is Dying In Oregon." Also in early 2017, Diane began writing for "conservative" blogs. When the Oregon State Bar discovered this they opened one disciplinary investigation after another against Diane. Each time they found nothing so she retained her law license.

Diane strongly believes this election is second only to Washington's and Lincoln's in importance. Without four more years with Trump in the White House, America's slide into Socialism & Globalism will become a landslide, the mobs in the street will rule, the Rule of Law will become just a memory and suburbs will be regulated out of existence.

Diane and Michael live in West Linn with their two Boston Terriers, Raindrop and Misty. In 2016 they decided they didn't want to travel via airplane anymore because that required them to leave their fur babies with a doggie sitter. They bought a travel trailer to explore the beauty of America instead. Traveling this way produced a bonus: they noticed that Americans in Mid-Western states are friendlier, more generous and have more respect for others. Sadly, we will be losing Diane when she and Michael move out of state next year. We will miss her energy and enthusiasm!



Diane speaks at the 2019 Fall OFRW



Raindrop twice competed in the



Diane and other BHRW members at 2019 Candidates Dinner



Diane at the Timber Unity Rally



Regina Skaržinskas joined BHRW in 2020 and is a member of our new Education Committee. She is a first generation American from Rockford, Illinois. Both of her parents came to the US as Displaced Persons after WW II. She is the oldest of three. Her brother is a Financial Advisor in Tampa, Florida and her

sister is a Superior Court Judge for the State of Arizona. Regina graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a BA in Psychology, and minored in Russian History and Literature and Education. She holds a Master's in Public Health from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA.

Self-described as a “jack-of all trades, master of none” she has worn many hats throughout her career. As a college student she was a volunteer and then an Officer of “9500” a crisis intervention hotline on Campus and was responsible for organizing this program as an integral part of Crisis Intervention in the Chicago Area. In 1976, she became the Managing Director of the Georgia Poison Control Center (PCC) at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. Under her direction, the Center became the second largest PCC in the Country. She developed the first training program for Poison Information Specialists as well as a professional and public education program for the Center. As part of her Master's Thesis working with the deaf community in Atlanta, the Georgia PCC became the first PCC in the US to provide access to the deaf through the generous donation of a teletype by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Having presented her training program at a National Meeting, she was asked to sit on the Committee to produce the first Poison Information Specialist Exam, which continues to be the Certification requirement for staff answering poison center phones. Of interest during her tenure at the Poison Center were the Tylenol Poisonings in 1982 and the connection between Agent Orange/dioxin exposure and debilitating diseases in returning military veterans in 1988.

Her next stop was Arizona where she was the toxicologist/risk assessor for the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. In that dual position she created the Risk Assessment Department for the State and set the first soil and groundwater standards for Arizona.

A spousal transfer brought her to Oregon where she worked for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. First, working as a Toxicologist on a special cross-media project and, several months later, becoming the Agency Toxicologist for the State. She wrote much of the original human health and risk-based guidance for Oregon. Among her projects were the Umatilla Chemical Weapons Incinerator and Rhone Poulenc, a pesticide company on the Willamette River. She testified as an expert witness for EPA in their successful lawsuit against Rhone Poulenc. The early 1990s saw the promulgation of Oregon's Environmental Clean-up Laws. Unfortunately, once the law was passed, Regina felt that there were more lawyers than environmental professionals leading the process and she decided to head out on her own.

Technical Assessment Services was established in 1996 and Regina has been self-employed... happily self-employed... ever since. She provides toxicology, risk assessment and risk communication services to various clients in Oregon,

Washington, Montana, Nevada, California, etc.

During this time, Regina raised a family of six and, as she proclaims, she was



“raised by six teenagers, and knows her place.”

☺ Kids are expensive and as a single mom, she pursued other interest as well. In 2000, she purchased a Havanese Dog and became involved in the Havanese Community. She has been a breeder since 2002 and places most of her puppies as service, therapy or emotional support pets. She is a founding member of the Oregon Trail Havanese Club and is a member of the Havanese Club of American, serving on their Membership Committee and as Editor of the



HCA Quarterly Newsletter. Several years ago, to satisfy a need, she became involved in breeding Siberian Forest Cats - a hyper-allergenic breed of cat that is amenable to placement as therapy and emotional support pets.

With still a few hours left in the day and her years of experience dealing with teen angst, Regina pursued her interest in Psychology and Coaching and started Your Bright World. She is certified in hypnosis, NLP, PSYCH-K, Quantum Touch, Emotion Code, EFT, etc. and has an active coaching practice. Her office has been closed due to COVID-19, but she maintains a vital practice via ZOOM, SKYPE and on the phone. She has clients in Europe, Canada, Mexico as well as the US and locally.

Often claiming that she was born with her hand raised, Regina has had a number of volunteer experiences including as a CASA of Washington County, doing mock interviews at the local high schools, providing resume assistance to teens and young adults and most recently the newly formed Education Committee of BHRW.

As the oldest child of immigrant parents, she grew up cherishing and respecting all that America stood for. Although her parents and grandparents did not talk much about their experiences, some stories did eventually come out:

“My grandfather was a Freedom Fighter during the Russian Occupation. He hid in the woods for 2 years before the family decided they would try to leave. My uncle remembers loading up a wagon with bare essentials as bullets were flying and hiding in that hay wagon as they made the trek to safety. They were able to escape Russian occupied Lithuania only to be placed in a German Concentration Camp. My dad was born in Klaipeda, a seaport town. During the German occupation, everyone was forced to leave the town as it became a military stronghold. When boys reached the age of 18, they



were given the option of fighting for the German Army or a hard labor camp. When the Allies freed the occupants of the Concentration Camps, my family was granted passage to the US. My mom (16) and her brother (11) and parents arrived in New York Harbor; my dad (19) arrived in Boston. There were no food stamp programs, free health care, free lawyer for any immigrants. According to some paperwork I found Catholic Charities gave my grandparents \$50.00 that they repaid.

I see our Country today becoming everything that my parents left behind and nothing that their future envisioned or provided. I feel so very strongly that this destructive path we are on needs to be redirected and I am happy to have found the BHRW. Becoming involved through the Education Committee was not even a question”.

Upcoming BHRW Meetings:

★ Monthly Membership Meetings

Our luncheon meetings are the **third Thursday of the month from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Due to Coronavirus, we are holding Zoom meetings. When it opens, we will have our meetings at Rock Creek Country Club, as before. The cost is \$27 per person, including lunch and speaker, unless otherwise noted.

★ BHRW's Red Shoe Book Club

Who: YOU!!

What: Read and discuss the booklist. FRW Mamie Eisenhower.

When: 4th Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Mill in Beaverton, 14500 SW Mill Dr., Beaverton, OR 97007

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Candidates speaking at our 2020 Candidates Evening



Jo Rae Perkins, US Senate



Peggy Stevens, HD26



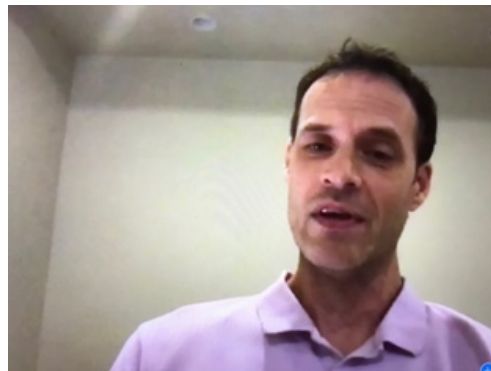
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Jeff Hinley, Washington County Commissioner